

**ELECTRONIC SOFTWARE LICENSE WITH SOFTWARE
PRODUCT INSTALLER IDENTIFIER**

Abstract of the Disclosure

An anti-piracy software licensing system associates a license
5 file with a particular software product, so that the license file cannot be used
with a separate product. The license is associated with one and only one
product by associating an Installer Identifier (IID) with the license file. At
installation, a set-up or installation program can be executed to install the
software product. The set-up program will generate an IID based on a
10 characteristic of the media and will check the generated IID against the IID
stored in a license file on the same media. A match will verify that the
license file on the media (i.e., the media license file) was not tampered with
prior to installation and that the license file was intended to be used with the
software product on the media. However, if there is not a match, then the
15 installation will be terminated. At run-time the locally stored license file
will be checked. If the license file is present, execution of the software
product will be enabled. If the license is absent, execution of the software
product will be disabled.